Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Would it not have been possible to broadcast the same over the radio?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—I have no idea.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Cultivation of Sea-Island Cot n.

*Q.—5. Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Mangalore).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the final results of the cultivation of sea-island cotton at various centres in the State;

(*b*) the schemes formulated for the year 1959-60 in the State in this behalf;

(*c*) the steps taken to make a survey of the aggregate area in which it could be grown and the soil contents and altitude and nature of land most conducive for cultivation of sea-island cotton?

A.—Sri N. RACHIAH (Minister for Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare).—

(*a*) The total quantity of Sea-island Cotton Kappas pooled from the crop, during 1958–59 in the Mysore State is 40,671 lbs. as noted below:—

.....	Area harvested in acres	Quantity of kappas pooled in lbs.	Area yield of kappas in lbs.
1. Mangalore area (South Kanara District).	100	27,879	279
2. Frazerpet area (Coorg District).	51	9,374	184
3. Belur area (Hassan and Chickmagalur District).	81	1,667	20
4. Sagar area (Shimoga and N. Kanara District).	54	1,623	30
5. Kollegal area* (Mysore District).	20	128*	6
Total ...	306	40,671	Average 132·9 or 133 lbs. per acre.

*In Kollegal area pickings are in progress in the late sown areas under irrigation and the same will be pooled in 1959-60.

(*b*) Provision has been made for the purchase of seeds, fertilisers, plant protection chemicals and sprayers. The same have been supplied to the cultivators either on cash or on loan.

(*c*) 1. Seeds fertilisers and plant protection chemicals are supplied to the cultivators who wish to obtain the same from the Scheme staff on loan in kind.

2. Sufficient number of Sprayers and Tractors facilities are being made available for cultivators on application to Government.

3. Urban compost facilities applicable to food crops in the State is also made applicable to cotton crop on application.

4. The question of survey of the area suitable for sea-island cotton will be considered after the proposed survey officer is appointed under the reorganised set up of the Scheme recommended by the India Central Cotton Committee on Statewise basis.

Development of Wheat Crop in the State.

*Q.—61. Sri C. S. HULKOTI (Mundargi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the extent of the wheat growing area in the State in the years 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59;